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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Akira YOSHIKAWA et al.  
Serial No.: 09/886,976  
Filed: June 25, 2001  
For: INVESTIGATION DEVICE AND INVESTIGATION METHOD  
Group: 2623  
Examiner: S. Ahmed

**RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 16, 2005

Sir:


In response to the Decision on Petition dated February 9, 2005, Applicants note that the Petition to Make Special dated December 29, 2004 was filed in this application in error. Applicants intended that the Petition be filed in U.S. Application No. 10/658,395, and inadvertently used the application information for this application instead.

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Moreover, the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Petition to Make Special on December 29, 2004 contained heading information for U.S. Application No. 10/658,395 and should not have been entered in this application. Please remove the Information Disclosure Statement and the references from the record of this application

Respectfully submitted,

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